

## The Commonwealth.

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### SCOTLAND NECK TOBACCO MARKET.

All things point to a successful opening of the tobacco market here this year.

The news comes from every direction that larger preparations have been made for a tobacco crop in this section than ever before. All through Halifax and Edgecombe counties the crop will be increased.

It is said by persons who have recently been in Bertie and Northampton counties that the crop has heretofore been reasonably large in those counties, and will be increased this year. Martin county will also raise a good crop.

Scotland Neck market ought to handle most of the crop from Bertie, Northampton and Martin counties.

Contracts have been made for part of the buildings and the promoters of the enterprise feel much encouraged.

### WE DO NOT NEED WAR.

War talk has been very free for the past few days, but no really sensible man wishes to see war anywhere. It is an awful contemplation; and when it is narrowed down to the individual, no prudent or reasonable man desires it. There has been too much such talk. Many a nervous woman has been already more or less prostrated by the wild and foolish talk, and even school-children have had their little souls harassed almost beyond endurance. One man in Halifax told us recently that he found his little girl of eight years crying with a broken heart because she thought he would soon go to war and be killed.

Wisdom would suggest that the matter be left a while longer in the hands of the governments, and that the balance of us quietly attend to our business, if we have any; and if we have none set about finding something better than idle war talk all the time.

### ABOUT SPAIN.

During the past few weeks there have been many wild surmises about war between the United States and Spain concerning the battleship Maine which was recently blown up in Havana harbor. All sorts of wild rumors have been floating, and still wilder reports have been sent out through the sensational and conscienceless press from some of the cities. The relations between the two countries have, it is true, been somewhat strained, but not one-hundredth part as much as the public has been led to believe.

The wild rumor flashed out Sunday saying that Spain had asked for the removal from Havana of Consul-General Lee, was greatly exaggerated. There had been some suggestions at Madrid that General Lee's attitude towards the Cubans was objectionable to Spain and that his utterances, some of which had leaked out, were too favorable to the Cubans. But there was no demand on the part of Spain that he be removed from Havana.

Most of the reports have been greatly exaggerated, and the country consequently more excited than necessary. The Court of Inquiry has been doing its work slowly, to be sure, but well; and there is no sense nor reason in so much excitement. It must necessarily be some time yet before there can be a full report concerning the Maine disaster.

### ABOUT THE BRETHREN.

The Kinston Free Press has enlarged its Saturday edition to six pages. It has entered upon its 17th volume, and is one of the liveliest papers in the State. The business men of Kinston give it good patronage, and herein lies the success of the paper and the town—they are mutually helpful to each other.

The Henderson Gold Leaf has donned a new dress and is still more handsome than ever. We congratulate brother Manning on the improvement.

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## THE COMMONWEALTH ANSWERED.

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March 4th 1898

Editor Commonwealth

My Dear Sir

Your editorial of Feb. 24 under the heading of Democracy unmixed is and insult to every Populist in North Carolina.

Now in the first place you say for many years North Carolina had a model Government under a Democratic administration, and while good Democracy controlled we were happy and prosperous.

Now Mr. Editor what do you mean by this do you mean when we had Bull pens and the voice of the people was stifled if you do of course you was happy when the returns came in please explain as happy when the returns came in please explain.

It is this kind of company you would advise any one to keep please excuse me please tell us how the State is ruined by the Populist it is ruined by running the county Government of Halifax Co. on four thousand dollars less than your model Democratic administration did or is it ruined by our State Secretary who places forty thousand dollars more in the State Treasury than our former ones please explain.

Now Mr. Editor you are not like the Democrats in my beat for they are courting me for fusion the only hope for your party.

Mr. Editor I have wrote with the best of feelings towards you.

You can publish if you choose if not all right.

Yours Truly

R A Hardy

[The editor of THE COMMONWEALTH has nothing to say to the above communication, taking it for granted that to those who read it carefully it fully answers itself.]

### MAY SOON TAKE CHARGE.

Then news from Washington a few days ago said that Collin Anthony, the colored postmaster for Scotland Neck, had been duly appointed.

The editor of THE COMMONWEALTH soon afterwards interviewed him, and he said it was true. He said he had not sent on his bond nor received his commission; but he has sold out his liquor business, and will probably soon take charge of the office.

### WHITAKER A PIOUS POP.

News and Observer.

"What is your politics, Judge?" was yesterday asked Judge Whitaker. "I'm out of politics now. I've kicked over the traces. I'm devoting myself to the practice of law. I'm a pious Pop—a Pop that loves pie. I can't get any pie; so I've quit and I'm trying to make a living at my profession."

"You are still a silver man, I suppose?"

"Yes, but not so strong a one as I was last campaign. Then it would have done me some good personally, now they've put it off too late to help me much."

### DRAUGHON—DRAUGHON.

(Correspondence to THE COMMONWEALTH.)

WHITAKERS, N. C., March 7, 1898.

On Wednesday, March 2nd, in Bethany church, Edgecombe county, at 11 o'clock, a. m., the marriage of Miss Clio Draughon, one of our most popular young ladies, to Mr. W. H. Draughon, a prominent young business man of Fayetteville, was solemnized.

The church was beautifully decorated and as the organ skillfully played by Rev. E. M. Andrews, pealed forth the inspiring music, the bridal party entered in the following order: Miss Lucy Land with Jake Higgs, Miss Lucy Nobles with Isaac Draughon, Miss Ida Draughon with Luther Barnes, Miss Lillie Cutbush with Cad Wright, Miss Fannie Speight with Mr. Stephenson, Miss Mary Whitehead with Lyman Draughon. Next came the bride, leaning on the arm of her sister, Miss Blanche. She was met at the altar by the groom with the best man, Edgar Williams. Rev. Moses Mays, of Wilson, then performed the impressive ceremony which united them for life. The bride was becomingly attired in a brown cloth travelling suit.

The ushers were Messrs. Frank McDowell and K. H. Cutbush. They left on the south bound train for Fayetteville, their future home, followed by the good wishes of a host of friends.

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## WHITAKERS PHOTOGRAPHS.

(Correspondence to THE COMMONWEALTH.)

WHITAKERS, N. C., March 7, 1898.

Mr. J. E. Fitz, representing the firm of Chas. C. Alley & Co., Confectioners, Petersburg, Va., was here Tuesday.

Mr. E. L. Taylor of Richmond was in town Wednesday.

Among those who attended the New Berne Fair last week, were Messrs. W. C. Taylor, J. H. Exum, Sr., J. H. Exum, Jr., and Misses Inez Barnes and Minnie Moore.

Mr. Forest Taylor is at home for a few days.

Messrs. Zeno Green and John Fussell left Saturday for Pinner's Point, Va.

Mrs. Herbert Pittman of South Carolina is visiting Mrs. Julius Moore.

Mrs. Jeanette White of New Berne is a visitor at Elder A. J. Moore's.

Mrs. E. P. Land and Mrs. J. M. Cutchin, we regret to note, are on the sick list week.

Messrs. Luther Barnes and Cad Wright of Henderson, Isaac Draughon and Edgar Williams, of Fayetteville, Jake Higgs of Greenville, Stevenson of Clinton, Misses Lucy Land of Littleton, Lucy Nobles of Greenville, and Ida Draughon of Fayetteville, arrived Tuesday to attend the Draughon nuptials.

Mr. and Mrs. Cary Williams of Ringwood were here Saturday.

Mrs. M. E. Carland's lecture was much enjoyed. She organized a Union here and as a result about forty five of our people are wearing the "white ribbon". That is a good beginning, but we hope to have a great many more in our ranks soon.

Mr. Joe Phippen of Enfield was here Saturday.

Elder A. J. Moore preached in the Primitive Baptist church Sunday.

Mr. Lyman Draughon went to Littleton Saturday.

Mrs. Turnage of Wilson is here.

### LINES FROM WHITSETT.

(Correspondence to THE COMMONWEALTH.)

WHITSETT, N. C., March 7, 1898.

A Lecture was delivered last Saturday night by Supt. Whitsett. Subject: "City of Chicago." It was very interesting to the young people.

After the lecture, the people were at liberty for sociable enjoyments for one hour and about 9.30 p. m. the crowd dispersed.

The commencement will be held here on the 18th of May, a week sooner on the account of the State Normal commencement at Greensboro, May 25th.

Prof. W. T. Whitsett was elected secretary of the Teachers Assembly, to be held at Morehead City this summer. Prof. D. E. Hamer, of Jamestown, N. C., arrived to day to take charge of his department in school.

Mr. W. C. Blagg returned to day from Burlington.

### HARRIS—MILICAN.

(Correspondence to THE COMMONWEALTH.)

DAWSON, N. C., March 7, 1898.

Mr. W. B. Harris, our popular postmaster, and Miss Estelle Milican, a beautiful and charming young lady from near Scotland Neck, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony in the church at Dawson, Wednesday night last at 7.30.

The ushers were Messrs. W. E. Lane and E. J. Fitzpatrick. The wedding march was rendered by Miss Sallie Applewhite, Rev. R. H. Hering performing the ceremony. After the marriage they went to the home of the groom where there was a bountiful supper spread for his many friends. We offer our congratulations. May their life be one of happiness.

### ROANOKE RAPIDS RIPPLES.

(Correspondence to THE COMMONWEALTH.)

ROANOKE RAPIDS, N. C., March 8, 1898.

Rev. J. T. Gibbs, presiding Elder of the Warrenton district, held his first quarterly meeting here last Saturday evening at 7.30 o'clock. On Sunday morning at 11 o'clock he preached to a large congregation after which the Lord's supper was administered.

Rev. R. G. Kendrick filled his regular appointment at the Baptist church here Sunday morning and night. Miss Essie Holmes and Mrs. Penny united with the church and were baptized.

Mr. A. L. Roberson came up from Scotland Neck last Friday, where he has been working on the new knitting mills.

Mr. Roberson likes Scotland Neck and says it is the prettiest little town that he ever visited.

### A Narrow Escape.

Thankful words written by Mrs. Ada E. Hart, of Groton, S. D. "Was taken with a bad cold which settled on my lungs; cough set in and finally terminated in Consumption. Four Doctors gave me up, saying I could live but a short time. I gave myself up to my Savior, determined if I could not stay with my friends on earth, I would meet my absent ones above. My husband was advised to get Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. I gave it a trial, took in all eight bottles. It has cured me, and thank God I am saved and now a well and healthy woman." Trial bottles free at E. T. Whitehead & Co.'s Drug Store. Regular size 50c. and \$1.00. Guaranteed or price refunded.

## HAMILTON HAPPENINGS.

(Correspondence to THE COMMONWEALTH.)

HAMILTON, N. C., March 8, 1898.

Mrs. Best and Mrs. Greason, of New York city, friends and relatives of Mrs. W. K. Gardner, left this morning for home after paying a visit of two weeks to our little town. It was their first visit to the Sunny South and they expressed themselves delighted with it.

Mrs. John Sherrod, who has been quite sick with pneumonia, is better.

Mr. Octavius Everett, a prosperous young farmer of this place, was married last week to Miss Mollie Mizell, of Robersonville.

Rev. Mr. Powell, of Rocky Mount, filled the pulpit of the Baptist church on last Sunday.

Rev. W. J. Smith filled his regular appointment at St. Martin's Episcopal church.

Rev. M. T. Lawrence, who has been to Baltimore for medical treatment, returned home Saturday much improved, though still weak.

Mr. Peyton Anthony and Mrs. Thomas Pritchard, Mr. Joe Hoard and Charlie Doughty, of Hobgood, were in town Sunday.

Mr. David Martin, of Tillery, was here Sunday shaking hands with his many friends.

Miss Rosa Garrie has returned from the New Berne fair.

Misses Maggie and Belle Carstarphen are visiting Mr. D. C. Jones, who has been quite sick.

Our whole town was shocked last week to hear that Mr. Joseph Waldo, the much beloved son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Waldo, had died in Columbus, Tenn. He was an honorable, christian young man, just making a success of life when he was snatched away. His family have the sympathy of the whole community.

### RELIC OF OLD TIMES.

(Correspondence to THE COMMONWEALTH.)

ENFIELD, N. C., March 7, 1898.

Our grandmothers kept their crockery much longer than the mothers do now. I took dinner the other day at Mr. W. C. Whitaker's and ate out of a plate that belonged to Mrs. Nancy Hannon who lived in Scotland Neck when there were only two residences besides hers—one store and Vine Hill academy. Later in her life Mr. Savage had a shop and then the P. E. Church.

Misses Lucy and Annie Williams, of Oxford, are on a visit to Capt. Randolph's.

Miss Carrie Horne, of Tarboro, has been here to see Mrs. Partin and family.

Miss Bowers, of Scotland Neck, is visiting John Boseman's family.

Misses Cook and Dugger, of Warrenton, are at Col. Young's.

Miss Carrie Young had a domino party Saturday night.

### PUBLISH MY LETTER.

So That Women May Know Where to Find Relief.

Such is the request of Mrs. L. M. Haynes, Springfield, Mo. (General delivery). A part of Mrs. Haynes' letter reads as follows: "I wrote to you in May, 1897; I was about to give it up, for I had the best four doctors in the city and they could not cure me. My disease was female weakness. I had been troubled with it for five years. Four and a half bottles of Pe-ru-na cured me. I hope all suffering women will take Pe-ru-na. I know it will cure others also. I cannot praise Pe-ru-na enough."

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### CHIEF CAUSE.

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